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**HCDCH RECEIVES GRANT TO HELP ELDERLY AND DISABLED
PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT**

HONOLULU – The state Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH) has received a \$450,000 federal grant to provide services that will help elderly and disabled public housing residents become more independent. The grant will go toward programs in the Kalakaua, Makua Alii, Paoakalani housing projects in Honolulu.

HCDCH received the grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Program (ROSS) program. The grants are awarded to public housing authorities, resident organizations and non-profit groups that link public housing residents to education and training services that help them become self-sufficient.

"Living independently is important to our elderly and disabled residents and this grant further boosts our efforts to help our residents remain self-sufficient," said HCDCH Executive Director Stephanie Aveiro.

HCDCH will use the three-year, \$450,000 grant for programs at Kalakaua Homes and the Makua Alii and Paoakalani housing projects. HCDCH also received \$43,700 for a public housing family self-sufficiency coordinator.

The agency will contract with the Honolulu Gerontology Program of Child & Family to provide case management, group activities, translation and other services for residents. HCDCH also works with the Department of Human Services Service and the Elderly Affairs Division of the City's Department of Community Services to offer programs that delay institutionalization for elderly clients, such as the Nursing Home Without Walls program.

The agency also supported the grant application for Kokua Kalihi Valley (KKV), a non-profit group that provides social services that include transportation, translation, outreach, professional education, youth and community advocacy to families in Kalihi. KKV will receive a three-year, \$375,000 from the ROSS grant to provide services to elderly and disabled residents of Kuhio Park Terrace and Kalihi Valley Homes.

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